THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" If we take up the independent scheme, the demands of the Fort Cochin also will be met."

Violation of the provisions of the Madras Removal of Civil Disabilities Act of 1947.

* 1176 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation, dated 8th August 1953, from Sri K. M. Veeramuthu, Secretary of the Committee, for the removal of civil disabilities of the Scheduled Castes, Pattukkottai (Tanjore district), alleging violation by the hotel-keepers of Urnikadu and the constables of Tiruvonam of Pattukkottai taluk of the provisions of the Madras Removal of Civil Disabilities (Amendment) Act of 1947 ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government against the hotel-keepers and Police constables involved?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The case was registered by the Karambakudy Police station as Crime No. 36 of 1953 under section 323, Indian Penal Code, and section 6 (iii) of the Madras Removal of Civil Disabilities Act, 1947, and investigated. As no independent evidence was forthcoming to prove the violation of the Act, the complaint was treated as non-cognizable. The petitioner alleged that he and his companions were beaten by one of the Police constables. A departmental enquiry was held against the constable on a charge that he beat the petitioner and his companions. The charge was not, however, proved beyond doubt and further action against the constable was therefore dropped."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" 8–8–1953-ல் திரு. வீரமுத்து அவர்களை ஊர்ணிகாடு ஒட்டலைச்சேர்ந்தவர்களும், பட்டுக்கோட்டை தாலூகாவைச் சேர்ந்த போலீஸ் கான்ஸ்டேபில்களும், வீரமுத்து ஹரிஜன வகுப்பைச் சேர்ந்தவன் என்ற காரணத்தினால் அடித்து போலீஸ் ஸ்டேஷனில் ஒரு நாள் முழுதும் அடைத்து வைத்தது உண்மையா ? இதைப்பற்றி விசாரிக்க சென்னையிலிருந்து C.I.D.-க்களை அரசாங்கம் அனுப்பி இருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" As I said, Sir, an enquiry was made and the charges were not proved. Now, after the celebration of the Harijan Day in that particular village, however, Harijans are allowed to enter the hotel without any restriction whatsoever."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" அதிகாரிகள் தாங்களாகவே பட்டுக்கோட்டையில் நடந்த இந்த சம்பவத்தைப்பற்றி சட்டப்பிரகாரம் ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொண்டார்களா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let not the hon. Member put a general question."

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Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, a representation was made by the Secretary of the Committee to the Government. I want to know whether any action was taken by the local people before representation was made to Government? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" As I said, the Collector of Tanjore in consultation with the Police department came to the conclusion that no charges were proved."

Sri V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" May I know the nature of help that is being given by the Government to the non-official agencies in the district that are engaged in the removal of civil disabilities? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" That is a general question. The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know, Sir, why as a matter of policy and prudence, the entire matter was not placed before a Magistrate or a Judge but was allowed to be disposed of by a departmental enquiry which will be necessarily partial to the policeman who has been accused of this offence? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, the complainant himself did not mention that the Police constables were present at the particular place."

Sri M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that this Removal of Civil Disabilities Act was passed only for name's sake and that it has not served the purpose for which it was passed. It is not also in any way useful or beneficial to the Scheduled castes. Will the Hon. Minister give an assurance that the Government will come forward to appoint a special staff for the better enforcement of this Act as in the case of the Prohibition Act? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" This is also a general question but if the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer, I have no objection."

Sri V. S. SIVAPRAKASAM :—" In view of the complaints such as is referred to in this question, may I ask whether the Hon. Minister will be pleased to issue special instructions to the police on the spot and to the Collector particularly to give all possible assistance to non-official agencies that are engaged in removing civil disabilities? " 11-40 a.m.

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Whenever cases of such nature are brought to the notice of the Collector, suitable action is taken."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know whether the Government have considered the question of instructing the relevant local authorities to terminate the licences of hotel-keepers who consistently violate the Act? "

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Instructions to that effect have already been issued."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" போலீஸ்காரர்கள் அடித்ததைப் பற்றி விசாரித்ததாக கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார். யார் யாரை விசாரித்தார்கள், எந்த முறையில் விசாரித்தார்கள் என்பதை தெரிவிக்க முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There was no evidence forthcoming."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" ஏற்கெனவே பட்டுக்கோட்டையில் ரிமூவல் ஆப் ஸிவில் டிசபிலிட்டிஸ் என்ற பெயரால் ஒரு குழு வேலை செய்வதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ? அங்கே இந்த மாதிரியான தொல்லை இருப்பதுதான் காரணமா ? அங்குள்ள போலீஸ்காரர்களும் ஜாதி ஹிந்துக்களும் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு தொல்லைகள் கொடுத்துக்கொண்டுவருகிறார்கள் அல்லவா ? இதனால் அங்கு ஏன் பெரிய அதிகாரிகளை அனுப்பி விசாரணை செய்யவில்லை ? அங்கு விசாரணை யாரால் செய்யப்பட்டது ? எந்தக் காரணத்தினால் அது ருசு ஆகவில்லை என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொல்கிறார் என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I have already given the answer to this question. There was no evidence forthcoming. A departmental enquiry was held and the charge was not proved. So the matter was dropped.

" As regards the question put by Sri M. Kalyanasundram, the District Superintendent of Police went into the whole question."

Issue of an order prohibiting processions in Coimbatore.

* 1177 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, issued any order restricting all processions in Coimbatore town, etc., on 22nd January 1954; and

(b) if so, the circumstances which necessitated the issue of the order?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) In January last a dispute arose between the management and the labourers of the Kaleeswarar Mills, Coimbatore, touching the payment of bonus to workers and certain deductions from the salaries of workers for December 1953. Following this the labourers took out disorderly processions through public roads and a section of the labourers squatted in front of the residence of the Managing Agent of the Mills. These assemblies and processions caused annoyance to the public and obstruction of traffic. It was found necessary in the interest of maintaining peace and order that such assemblies and processions should be controlled. With the concurrence therefore of the Executive First-class Magistrate, Pollachi, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, promulgated on 21st January 1954 an order under Section 30 (1) of the